

## WOMEN TO VOTE SHORTER BALLOT

WILL NOT EXPRESS THEMSELVES  
ON SELECTION OF JUSTICE  
OF PEACE APRIL 6.

Annual Town Meeting Will Be Held  
Next Tuesday at Which Routine  
Business Will Come Up.

Yellow ballots which will be voted on by the women of Rock Island at the township election Tuesday, April 6, will be shorter than the green ones used by the men.

The newly enfranchised citizens will not have a party in naming a Justice of the peace and will only vote for assistant supervisors. The woman's suffrage law provides that they cannot ballot for constitutional officers.

Sample ballots have been received by W. A. Frewert, town clerk, and are being distributed. It is thought that the women of the county will take more than ordinary interest in the township vote.

**Town Meeting Tuesday.**

The annual town meeting will be held here on Tuesday, March 26, which is the last registration day for the township election, which occurs one week before.

The official call for this session has not been made as yet but will be done as within a few days. It will be held in the office of one of the Justices of the peace.

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### ORION

Steven Holden spent Saturday in Muscatine.

Mrs. Ray Edwards of Rock Island returned to her home Monday after a short visit with relatives.

William A. Botts is confined to his home on account of a severe cold.

Mrs. G. H. Wayne entertained the M. E. Ladies Aid society Wednesday.

Mrs. V. R. Kild and daughter, Miss Gertrude, have returned to their home in Astoria after a visit at the home of the former sisters, Madames Marcus and Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tappan and Mrs. Hinda Johnson of Woodhull attended the

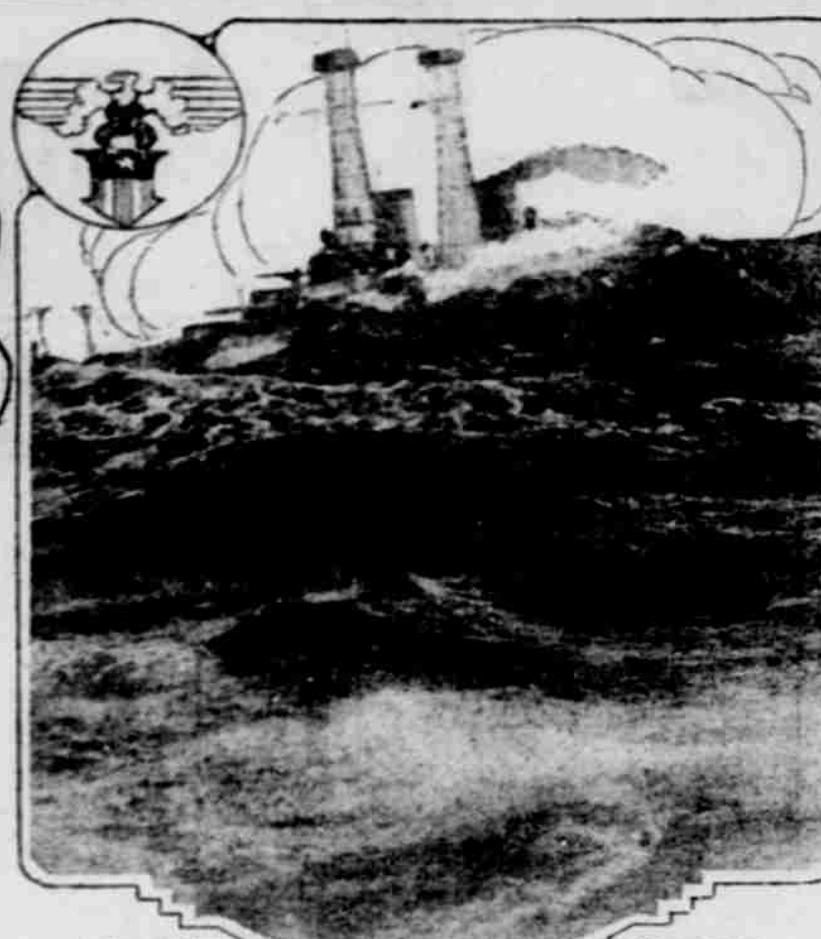
We Recommend That You Use

**Rexall**  
**"93" Hair Tonic**  
Thomas Drug Co.

### HERE'S ADMIRAL AND ONE OF HIS BATTLESHIPS AT VERA CRUZ



Admiral W. B. Caperton and battleship Delaware.



Once more a small American fleet, this time in charge of Admiral W. B. Caperton, hovers near Vera Cruz, ready to protect the interests of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico. The fleet at or near Vera Cruz comprises six vessels; the battleships Delaware and Georgia, the armored cruiser Washington, the protected cruiser Tacoma, the gunboats Petrel and Sacramento. The cruiser Des Moines is doing patrol duty at Progreso harbor, where export disturbances have complicated the Mexican situation. Greatest care will be exercised not to force the navy to a showdown, such as precipitated the occupation of Vera Cruz by marines.

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### DAY IN DAVENPORT

Woman Starves to Death.—One nickel and a half loaf of bread, found in the room of Mrs. H. Clabby, discovered dead in bed in her room in the South Putnam building, is believed to have been all between her and absolute starvation. Search of her room by the coroner revealed no other provisions nor any other means of buying more to eat. It is believed that the aged woman, too proud to ask assistance, gradually starved to death, weakening herself by continual fasting until she died. The funeral was held from the Stapleton undertakers' parlors today, with services at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Dr. J. Flannery of St. Anthony's church officiating. Interment was made in Holy Family cemetery. The deceased was a member of the sanctuary society of St. Anthony's.

Baptists Extend Call to Pastor.—Rev. J. F. Mills, Ph. D., has extended a call from the Calvary Baptist church to become pastor, succeeding Dr. P. H. McDowell, who left here Jan. 1. Rev. Mr. Mills is at present stationed at Decatur, Ill.

Starts a Grass Fire.—Merle Kennedy, aged 7, is a moving picture fan. Night before last he went to a movie show and saw the living story of a night with a prairie fire by pioneers of the west. Merle came home and was thinking deeply all morning. Tuesday afternoon he used the same tactics the pioneers did after starting a miniature prairie fire near his home, Belmont and Schricker avenues. When the fire had gained considerable headway, he started another fire, making a circle of flame and confining himself within the blazing circle. He was lying on his stomach when the fire department arrived, serenely contemplating his efforts to create excitement. He admitted that he had been playing that he was a pioneer and had just won a terrific battle with a prairie fire.

Fenced Land of City.—In 1877 Henry Kuehl bought a strip of property on what is now Main street, Bettendorf. His lot was not doled out in accordance with the minute measurements of the present day. It was 150 by 200 feet. Soon after purchasing it Mr. Kuehl put a fence around it. But he took in three feet on the street and a 26-foot alley in the rear. There were no objections to his act and for years he continued to hold the additional strips. A few months ago, nearly 40 years after the sale, the town of Bettendorf decided on street improvements, such as paving and laying a concrete walk along Main street. This improvement took in Mr. Kuehl's property. But at this point J. E. Kuehl, son of Henry Kuehl, showed his hand. He insisted on a price for the three feet in front of his home and the 26-foot alley in the rear. The town of Bettendorf resisted it and they went to court. Mr. Kuehl claimed the town wished to build the walls on his property, while the town claimed he had built his fence too far out. There was no abstract to show he owned the additional three-foot strip in front and the 26-foot alley in the rear, but he claimed he had title to the property by "adverse possession," this claim being based on the theory that "possession is nine-tenths in law." When it was brought before Judge Donegan in district court the town of Bettendorf appeared with Attorney J. C. Hall as counsel. The point on "adverse possession" was brought up and the court was called for a fine-haired interpretation. Judge Donegan ruled against Mr. Kuehl and in favor of the town of Bettendorf. He stated that the law as regards private individuals, if one person holds property on "adverse possession," under this claim being based on the theory that "possession is nine-tenths in law." 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